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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN ILO CONFERENCE

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1. PANAMANIAN DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE, WHICH DEPARTED
MAY 29 FOR GENEVA, WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. GOVERNMENT: DR. JORGE E. RITTER, VICE-MINISTER OF
LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE; LICDO. JAIME JOVANE, OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL
WELFARE; LICDO. JOSE MIIA ZTPINO, PANAMANIAN PERMREP IN
GENEVA; AND LICDO. AQUILINO VILLAMONTE, PANAMANIAN MISSION
IN GENEVA.

B. WORKER: ANGEL GOMEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL, NATIONAL
CENTRAL OF PAN-
AMANIAN WORKERS (CNTP, COMMUNIST-DOMINATED);
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JULIO CDRAR CNZON, SECRETARY GENERAL, Isthmian Workers'
CENTRAL (CIT, CLAT-AFFILIATE); RODOLFO BENITEZ, SUB-
SECRETARY GENERAL, CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF PANAMA (CTRP, ORIT-AFFILIATE); CEFERINO RODRIGUEZ,
SECRETARY GENERAL, INDEPENDENT WORKERS FEDERATION
(INDEPENDENT).

C. EMPLOYER: ARISTIDES TYPALDOS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; ARQ. ANGEL BARNES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
CHAMBER OF CONSTRUCTION.

2. WORKER VOTE FOR PANAMA IN ILO CONFERENCE PLENARY ROTATES ANNUALLY AMONG THE THREE PRINCIPAL CONFEDERATIONS. THIS YEAR, ANGEL GOMEZ OF CNTP HOUSE VOTE. HE IS ALSO NOMINAL SPONSOR OF PANAMANIAN RESOLUTION (REFTEL) ON CANAL ISSUE. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA, JOVANE GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO LOCAL PRESS DEALING WITH THIS RESOLUTION. HE CALLED THE RESOLUTION ONE OF A "POLITICAL CHARACTER", BUT SAID THAT SUCH RESOLUTIONS WOULD--IF A PROPOSAL OF THE U.S. WERE ACCEPTED--BE SUBJECT TO A "PURIFYING APPARATUS". IN THAT CASE, JOVANE SAID, "NEITHER PANAMA, NOR THE ARABS, NOR OTHER NATIONS CAN PRESENT THEIR PROBLEMS...THE INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES 'WEIGHT' IN THE ILO...ONLY WITH THE ABSTENTION OF THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE 'SMALL COMMITTEE' WILL BEGIN TO FUNCTION."

3. COMMENT: THE JOVANE INTERVIEW APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE AND IN LOCAL PAPER MAY 29. ASIDE FROM A FEW BRIEF MENTIONS OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE DELEGATION, THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER LOCAL COVERAGE OR COMMENT ON THE ILO CONFERENCE. WHILE THE ARTICLE SUMMARIZED THE PANAMANIAN RESOLUTION, THE TONE OF JOVANE'S COMMENTS STRIKES US AS TAKING OUT INSURANCE--I.E., PUTTING GOP IN A POSITION TO ATTRIBUTE ULTIMATE LACK OF SUCCESS TO INTRA-IVV CONSIDERATIONS, RATHER THAN TO INHERENT LACK OF MERIT OF THE RESOLUTION'S COMPLAINTS.

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